

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 279

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jeanette Copeland,
on her selection as Tennessee Teacher of the
Year at Sycamore Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette Copeland is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Copeland has recently been selected as Tennessee Teacher of the Year at Sycamore Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette Copeland received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from Tennessee Technological University, as well as additional endorsements in Library Science and Instructional Leadership; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a fourth grade teacher at Sycamore Elementary School, since 1997, and from 1990 to 1993, Ms. Copeland worked as a second grade teacher assistant; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Ms. Copeland is a member of the Professional Educators of Tennessee, the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the Putnam County Education Association, and the Phi Kappa Phi honor society; she is also listed in *Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women in Teaching and Education 2007*; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette Copeland lends her time and professional talents to her school in numerous ways, including serving as the Red Cross Blood Drive coordinator chairperson, Social Committee co-chair, Science Fair representative, School Improvement Section Five co-chairperson, Student Handbook Revision chairperson and typist, Fourth Grade Textbook

coordinator and inventory control, and on the School Improvement Committee Section Two; she has also been involved in the Math/Science Eisenhower Project through Tennessee Technological University, Behavioral Intervention training at STAR center, the Leadership Academy through the Putnam Board of Education, the Reading Renaissance Workshop, and Workshop for Strengthening Fourth Grade Programs; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Copeland has received many distinguished awards and recognitions throughout her tenure as a teacher, including twice being named the Renaissance Model Classroom Reading Teacher, and she has also received the Classrooms Care Award; in addition, she was chosen as Teacher of the Month in response to a student essay that was submitted to a local radio station; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette Copeland is also most notable for her tireless commitment to community service and a desire to encourage others; she has taught an adult women's Sunday school class at Stevens Street Baptist Church since 2002, and, as a Library Board member, she has worked in the Library Resource Center since 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Copeland has volunteered as an Adult Faith leader, Children's Bible Drill leader, Children's Sunday School teacher, Bible School teacher, Girls in Action leader, and Women's Missionary Union president; she has served as Junior Pro Girls Basketball coach, cheerleader coach, Girls Scouts volunteer, Cub Scout leader, parent volunteer for Sycamore Elementary, Drug Free Awareness volunteer and Project Graduation assistant at Cookeville High School, American Cancer Society Relay for Life team member, and Sycamore School Relay for Life Fundraiser chairperson; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator, Jeanette Copeland works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Copeland serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette Copeland truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jeanette Copeland on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Sycamore Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.